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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell,
Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms,
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting), Mr. Kent,
[redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to a memorandum from the President directing that all departments and agencies adopt a lenient policy regarding the granting of annual leave on Monday, 3 July, except where attendance at work is required in the interest of national security, and stated leave should be granted to those employees so requesting provided it does not interfere with the operation of the Agency.

b. Raised the question of whether or not someone from the Agency should be in touch with [redacted] while he is in the U. S. and after some discussion it was agreed to play this by ear and if such contact becomes necessary, it should be done at a low level and on a covert basis.

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e. Noted he was meeting with the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff at twelve noon today, during which the President will explain the duties of General Taylor. He also commented that General Taylor at the moment plans to have a staff consisting of an Executive Officer, two representatives from the Department of Defense, and one representative each from Mr. Bundy's office and CIA. He said that Tom Parrott is being recommended as the CIA representative.

f. Referred to several cables recently [redacted] indicating the FBI's desire to assign one of its representatives to the U. S. Embassy there as Legal Attache, and stated this Agency would not in any way attempt to block this assignment. Mr. Helms noted he was seeing Mr. Foy Kohler in State today on some other matters and if this proposal comes up, he would report State's attitude to the Director.

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g. Commented it was not clear to him at the moment how intelligence will be made available to the President in the future in view of General Taylor's appointment, but that he should know more about this after the meeting mentioned in item (e) above. Mr. Sheldon expressed the opinion that there is danger if the War Room at the White House makes Estimates without any coordination with CIA, and stated this is a distinct possibility. The Director said he had discussed with General Cabell the possible consolidation of the War Room and NIC activites; however, he (General Cabell) was against it. Mr. Sheldon noted his concurrence in General Cabell's viewpoint and stated in his opinion these two elements have entirely different functions. The DCI said nevertheless he strongly felt that there should be close cooperation between the two.

h. Noted that John Steele of Time was interested in getting a civilian to do a general article on intelligence, and commented Colonel Grogan had suggested [redacted]. Mr. Amory remarked that he had seen Steele the other day who had put the same question to him and he had suggested [redacted]. The Director asked if there were any other ideas to pass them along to Colonel Grogan.

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i. Noted a letter prepared for his signature indicating that CIA did not have anyone to recommend for consideration to receive the Rockefeller Public Service Award, and stated that he felt we should come up with a candidate. Colonel White pointed out that the letter was based on negative replies from three Deputies. Mr. Amory suggested that Dr. Scoville would be an appropriate nominee and undertook to rewrite the letter and prepare the necessary back-up paper.

MR. HELMS:

Noted that the Chief of Station, [redacted] had sent a cable to Pat Coyne, Staff Director of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory

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Board, and stated in his opinion the message should have been sent to DD/P with a request that the information therein be passed to Coyne. The Director agreed and commented information for the President's Board should be passed through the IG. Action: Mr. Helms

MR. BISSELL:

Noted that in connection with the President's Board meeting this weekend, DD/P was in the process of preparing two papers, one on cover which in fact is about completed and would be forwarded to the Director; he commented, however, he intended to hold a seminar with knowledgeable people in the DD/P to discuss this paper and would furnish the Director the group's comments. The other paper listing CIA cover organizations is being forwarded to the IG. Mr. Bissell said this information is extremely sensitive and requested that this be made known to the Board. Mr. Kirkpatrick said this latter paper was in fact requested by Dr. Killian himself and he would handle it personally with him.

MR. HELMS:

Referred to the case of a telephone call from a representative of the Soviet Embassy to the Department of Defense regarding the U-2, and noted that a similar instance could occur here. Colonel White pointed out that for years incoming calls "seeking information" on one subject or another had been referred to his office but recently, in a discussion with [redacted] it had been agreed that such calls would be referred either to him or to [redacted]

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